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Mass meditation sells out in Williamsburg

Sunset silence. The Big Quiet will bring 500 New Yorkers together in silence.

Have you ever wanted to meditate with 500 people on an industrial farm in Williamsburg as the sun sets?

Today was your chance. But tickets sold out Tuesday morning, with minimal promotion, said event organizer Jesse Israel.

"I hate having to do this, but there were so many tickets rolling in today, I had to hit the cap at 500," Israel told Metro. "This says people want these types of experiences in the flesh. They're thirsty for ways to recharge and disconnect from the overload in the city."

The Big Quiet is a collaborative effort by young meditators with Medi Group, a network of about 500 young professionals, 90 of whom meet once a month at a SoHo loft to meditate, followed by snacks and conversations on work, relationships and their purpose in life.

"Meditation is the thread that brings us together," said Israel, who founded Medi Club in December 2014. "After you share meditation, you're vulnerable, and a bunch of modern, active people come out of the space grounded and willing to



People meditate / STEPHEN WILSON



Quoted

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Jesse Israel

connect."

Israel said Medi Club met on Monday night, and conversation turned to comparing the outward success of one's peers online, what he called a "snapshot of success," such as accolades docu-

mented in The New York Times and engagements, with one's own internal view.

"We're not having these kinds of dialogues, usually, but throw us all in a loft together and it's a different level of human

connection."

About 8 percent of adults in the U.S. — 18 million — identified as meditators according to a 2012 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and 1.6 percent of children.

The Big Quiet had its first mass meditation in Central Park in June, where 1,500 people attended. Israel said that Wednesday's event will include a three-minute primer for those new to meditation, followed by actual meditation.

After, DJ's will spin

soulful music, and attendees can feast on farmers market fare.

Tickets range from \$1 to \$10 donations, and all proceeds go to the Farm on Kent, according to organizers.

"There's something so powerful about sharing silence in a busy city," Israel said. "It's a great opportunity for meditators to bring friends and family members who haven't meditated before."



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Suit. Gay SI man seeks \$25M for 'savage' NYPD beating



Falcone's injuries / SCOTT FALCONE



A 30-year-old gay Staten Island man who claims he was pulled out of his Staten Island home and beaten by four NYPD cops plans to sue the city for \$25 million, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Lawyer Eric Subin said his client, Louis Falcone, suffered a "savage beating" from cops responding to a June 19 noise complaint at around 5:30 a.m. The officers also yelled a number of homophobic slurs at Falcone.

"These guys are criminals," Subin said. "They belong in jail."

A video taken by a neighbor across the street shows an officer entering Falcone's Midland Beach home, pulling him outside and throwing him to the ground. The officers appear to kick, stomp and body slam Falcone.

"They were piling on top of me," Falcone said. "One dug his knee into the side of my neck. They kept

saying, 'Don't resist,' and I just said, 'Please, watch my foot.' My face was in the mud. My mouth was full of mud and blood and I couldn't breathe."

Falcone was never charged and plans to sue the NYPD, the city of New York and the four officers for \$25 million in federal court for police brutality, excessive force, civil rights violations and as soon as the officers are identified, punitive damages. **MEGAN FU**

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Red Hook

Police looking for suspect in Brooklyn shooting that left five injured

Police are searching for a teenage suspect in connection with a Monday night shooting that wounded five people in the Red



Marquise Frederick / NYPD

Hook neighborhood of Brooklyn.

Authorities say 19-year-old Marquise Frederick was one of two male shooters in the incident, which critically injured a 19-year-old woman in the torso.

Two male victims, 20, were also shot in the torso and two other female victims, 19 and

22, were shot in the leg. All five are now in stable condition.

The motive for the shooting is still unknown. According to ABC7, the two men started shooting at approximately 11 p.m. after they got out of a silver SUV on Dwight Street. They immediately left the crime scene.

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Bias. First gay male couple wed at West Point attacked in SoHo

Police continue to look for a man who yelled homophobic slurs and attacked two men in a SoHo bodega on Sunday afternoon before fleeing on a bicycle.

Larry Lennox-Choate posted on Facebook after the attack that he and his husband, Daniel Lennox-Choate, were fine other than "one fat lip and a sore punching arm."

"The guy who screamed anti-gay obscenities at us in a bodega before sucker-punching Danny? He left covered in his own blood with his tail between his legs after I handled the situation and tossed him in the street like the coward loser he is. The hate crimes division of the NYPD is on the case and we have full faith a positive outcome will follow. We refuse to be victims and are thankful we can defend ourselves, but are saddened by the fact that idiots like this guy might not pick two guys who went through Plebe Boxing next time," Lennox-Choate wrote.

The pair were the first gay male couple to be married at West Point

Quoted

"We refuse to be victims and are thankful we can defend ourselves, but are saddened by the fact that idiots like this guy might not pick two guys who went through Plebe Boxing next time." Lennox-Choate

in 2013, where they both attended, The New York Times previously reported.

Police said the suspect went into SoHo Newsstand at 186 Prince Street around 2:30 p.m. on Sunday to buy beer. Inside, he yelled homophobic slurs at the couple, which led to a dispute that turned physical before fleeing on a gray bicycle.

Police described the suspect as in his 40s, 5-feet-8, 130 pounds with curly hair, and last seen wearing a white shirt, blue shorts and carrying a black backpack.

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Five things you need to know

With final defendant, Madoff criminal case comes to an end

In 1964, Irwin Lipkin became one of the first employees at a small New York trading firm called Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities. Five decades later, Lipkin, 77, is set to be sentenced on Wednesday in Manhattan federal court for falsifying records, marking the end of the criminal case stemming from the collapse of Madoff's multibillion-dollar Ponzi scheme more than six years ago.

Lipkin is the last of 15 people who either pleaded guilty or were convicted at trial in connection with the fraud, which cost investors approximately \$17 billion in principal.

Prosecutors have conceded that Madoff alone knew the full extent of his deception. Even his deputy, Frank DiPascali, who was intimately involved in the fraud, testified he believed Madoff had hidden assets to cover customers' liabilities almost until the end.

Lipkin, who pleaded guilty to falsifying records as the firm's controller, has asked for probation, citing his declining health, while prosecutors have requested prison time. **REUTERS**



Lipkin / HANDOUT PHOTO

Suit: Kentucky school officer shackled disabled kids

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit accusing a school resource officer in Kentucky of handcuffing two disabled children to punish them for behavior related to their disabilities, ACLU officials said on Tuesday.

The lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. It accuses Kenton County Sheriff's Office deputy Kevin Sumner, a Covington Independent Public Schools resource officer, of violating the children's constitutional rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act during three incidents in 2014. **REUTERS**

Major US airlines end trophy hunter shipments after Cecil outcry

Three U.S. airlines have banned the transport of lion, leopard, elephant, rhino or buffalo killed by trophy hunters, in the latest fallout from the killing of Zimbabwe's Cecil the lion last month.

American Airlines said on Tuesday it would join Delta Airlines and United Airlines in banning the transport of animals known in Africa as the "big five," coined by hunters because they are the hardest to kill on foot. **REUTERS**



Eco-friendly 3-D printed supercar

A California automotive startup is hoping their prototype supercar will redefine car manufacturing. The car dubbed "Blade" didn't come off an assembly line, but out of a 3-D printer.

"The 3-D printed chassis is only 102 pounds and has the same strength and safety protection as a frame made out of steel," said Brad Balzer, the lead designer on the project.

By using carbon fiber instead of steel or aluminum for the body, the entire vehicle only weighs 1,400 pounds, giving it twice the weight-to-horsepower ratio of a Bugatti Veyron.

The Blade is fitted with a 700-horsepower engine that runs on natural gas. **REUTERS**

Key senator announces support for Iran nuclear deal

Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine, a co-author of the bill allowing Congress to review the nuclear deal with Iran, said on Tuesday he would support the nuclear agreement.

The agreement announced on July 14 between world powers and Tehran "is a dramatic improvement over the status quo in improving global security," Kaine said in a Senate speech announcing he would back it.

Under the review bill, Congress has until Sept. 17 to accept or reject the nuclear pact. **REUTERS**



Kaine





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Stewart steps away from comedy gold as election heats up

Worn out. Stewart told the Guardian newspaper in April that he was weary after covering four previous elections.

Heartbroken fans are wishing Jon Stewart a "jonvoyage" on Twitter, but Donald Trump and the other 2016 presidential candidates are breathing a sigh of relief.

Stewart steps down from "The Daily Show" on Thursday after 16 years of biting political and media satire just as the presidential election campaign — a comedy gold mine — heats up.

Trump, the billionaire businessman turned Republican Party White House contender, has become Stewart's favorite target as his tenure on the



President Barack Obama speaks with Jon Stewart. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Donald Trump is the candidate version of the hot dog-crust pizza. You don't want it, you never ordered it. You can't believe someone came up with it. But now it's all you want to eat." Stewart

popular Comedy Central program winds down.

Stewart, who is widely credited with having transformed U.S. political comedy, has dubbed next year's elections "Democa-

lypse 2016."

The 52-year-old comedian has mocked Trump's hair and gleefully ridiculed his comments on everything from immigrants to breast-feeding. **REUTERS**

Report. Man sues wife for fraud after seeing her with no makeup

An Algerian man has reportedly sued his wife after waking up on the day after their marriage to find her barefaced with no makeup.

Emirates 247 reported that the groom took his bride to court the day after their marriage, where he accused her of not looking as pretty as she did before the wedding.

The groom, who was not identified, was seeking \$20,000 in damages for "psychological suffering," according to the report.

Algerian reports claimed when he first laid eyes on his au naturel wife, he didn't recognize her and even mistook her for a "thief who came to steal his apartment."

"He said he was deceived by her as she used to fill up her face with makeup before their marriage," Emirates 247 reported, quoting a court source.



"He said he was deceived by her as she used to fill up her face with makeup before their marriage," said a source. / GETTY IMAGES

Psychological suffering

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The groom, who was not identified, was seeking \$20,000 in damages for "psychological suffering," according to the report.

"He said she looked very beautiful and attractive before marriage,

but when he woke up in the morning and found that she had washed the makeup off her face, he was frightened as he thought she was a thief."

There was no word on whether an annulment was looming, but if it is, we suggest the bride treat herself to a celebratory Sephora splurge.

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Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu / GETTY IMAGES

Netanyahu asks US Jews to oppose Iran nuclear deal

Survey. American Jewish opinion are mixed on a dispute that has strained the U.S.-Israeli alliance.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tried to rally U.S. Jews on Tuesday against the Iranian nuclear deal championed by President Barack Obama and facing review by Congress, saying it risked a catastrophic Middle East war.

In a webcast organized by Jewish groups in North America, Netanyahu reiterated Israel's arguments that the July 14 deal was not enough to curb Iranian nuclear projects with bomb-making potential while bringing Tehran a windfall in sanctions relief that could help fund destabilizing regional conflicts.

Netanyahu cast his opposition to the Iran deal as nonpartisan. He also pushed back against the Obama administration's counterargument that the deal was the only way to avoid eventual war with Iran.

Organizers said 10,000 people — not taking into account expected group audiences — had signed up to view the webcast.

That might translate into grassroots pressure on U.S. lawmakers weighing ratification of the deal by Sept. 17.

Should Congress vote against the deal, the United States might lose out while the five other big-power signatories reengage with Iran, including in lucrative trade deals.

Netanyahu sought to play down this concern, saying international firms would think twice about entering Iranian markets if it meant losing bigger

Quoted

"I don't oppose this deal because I want war. I oppose this deal because I want to prevent war. And this deal will bring war. ... This is a time to stand up and be counted. Oppose this dangerous deal."

Netanyahu

U.S. business opportunities.

Having infuriated the Obama administration by speaking against Iran in Congress in March at the invitation of the Democratic president's Republican rivals, Netanyahu cast himself as the emissary of an Israeli public that, polls show, mostly shares his misgivings about the deal with Iran. **REUTERS**

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Kasich, Christie make the cut for GOP debate

Left out. Rick Perry, Rick Santorum and five others in the crowded 2016 Republican field were left out.

Republican Govs. Chris Christie and John Kasich on Tuesday won the last spots on stage next to front-runner Donald Trump and seven other candidates in the first prime-time presidential debate, Thursday at 9 p.m. hosted by Fox News. The debate invited the top 10 candidates in an average of five recent opinion polls.

The leftover candidates will appear in a separate forum outside of the spotlight at 5 p.m. EDT on Thursday, leaving them fighting to win at-



The polls squeezed N.J. Gov. Chris Christie into the debate. / GETTY IMAGES

tention and prove to voters and donors they have a legitimate shot at the nomination.

Making the cut were Trump, the real estate mogul who has shot to the top of Republican polls, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, U.S. Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Ted Cruz of Texas and

Limit

10

Fox's decision to limit the participants to 10 was criticized by some Republicans as unfair given that several candidates were bunched in the low single digits, well within the margin of error of most polls.

Rand Paul of Kentucky, and Govs. Christie of New Jersey and Kasich of Ohio. Shuffled out of prime

time were Perry, Santorum, U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, former business executive Carly Fiorina, former New York Gov. George Pataki and former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore.

The limit also created weeks of anxiety for those on the bubble in the 17-candidate field. Without the attention gained in a nationally televised debate, some of those at the bottom of the pile could face an early end to their campaign. Fox, which had said it would use the five most recent national polls recognized by the network to pick the participants, said it used polls conducted by Bloomberg, CBS, Fox, Monmouth University and Quinnipiac University. **REUTERS**

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- I have cramps in my legs which always happen when I walk the same distance.
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Who's next in the 2015 Celebrity Summer Divorce-athon?

It's been a pretty brutal summer, as far as long-term matrimony goes. Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert, Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog, even! And there's of course been that ever-present talk of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith splitting, plus some scuttlebutt about Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie being on their last legs. And now? Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale are done after 13 years of marriage. What the hell? (Oh, and if pop rock isn't your scene, Reba McEntire

also announced she's getting a divorce, y'all.)

Given the shock some of these announcements have caused, I'm trying to be prepared for the next big shocker, putting the following marriages on notice. Granted, this is all completely baseless speculation, as I've heard nothing about any trouble in these particular unions, but the Stefani/Rosssdale split came from out of nowhere, so who's to say? Here's who I'm most worried about:

• **John Krasinski and Emily Blunt:** They seem ridiculously happy and

supernice, but if this summer has taught me anything, it's that terrible things happen to good people.

• **Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson:** Maybe the stress of having Chet Haze for a son will finally be too much.

• **David Bowie and Iman:** They've been pretty quiet lately. Let's speculate!

• **Christina Aguilera and Matt Rutler:** Sure, they're actually only still engaged, but two other "The Voice" judges have gone down, so Rutler should probably be worried.



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Today, Lady Gaga wants you to do you, Mindy Kaling is outraged, Willow Smith doesn't believe the hype and Sara Silverman has found immortality.

@ladygaga: Good morning! Don't forget to be yourself today, that's true beauty!

@mindykaling: Tonight at dinner my closest friend alleged I once said "Joran van der sloot is handsome" and I've never been offended in some many ways

@OfficialWillow: The media thinks my parents are getting divorced like every second hahaha!

@SarahKSilverman: People die but they'll be in my phone contacts forever

There's a new 'New Girl' in town

Zooey Deschanel is a mom. The "New Girl" star and Hello Giggles founder gave birth to a baby girl earlier this week in Los Angeles, according to Entertainment Tonight. "I am thrilled to confirm that Zooey Deschanel and her husband, Jacob Pechenik,

are new parents to a beautiful healthy baby girl," her rep says. That birth announcement also sneakily serves as confirmation that the formerly engaged couple have tied the knot, as Deschanel and Pechenik were married recently in a super top-secret ceremony.

They began dating in August 2014, two years after Deschanel's divorce from Death Cab for Cutie singer Benjamin Gibbard.



Check out Alexander Skarsgard in drag

How do you get attention for the tiny little indie film you've got coming out? Well, if you're "True Blood" star Alexander Skarsgard, you hit the red carpet for the movie's premiere in full, glorious, 1970s drag. And that's just what he did for the debut of "The Diary of a Teenage

Girl," towering over his co-stars in gold lame and an epic Farrah Fawcett wig. It looks like the whole cast and crew decided to play period dress-up for the event, but no one took it quite as far or as fabulous as Skarsgard. It's a good look for him. Now let's see if he can sissy that walk.



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Kevin Bacon demands more male nudity

Kevin Bacon has come out with an important video PSA about a serious topic plaguing Hollywood: not enough full-frontal male nudity. "In so many films and TV shows, we see gratuitous female nudity," he says. "It's not fair to actresses, and it's not fair to actors

because we want to be naked too." He's a huge proponent of more on-screen dong — especially his own, whether it be on "Game of Thrones," in an upcoming Marvel film or something more overtly sexual. "Let me play Christian Grey. We'll do the whole movie in one long close-up of my penis," he offers. I've heard worse ideas. Like the actual "Fifty Shades of Grey" movie. Hey-oh!



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Andrea Martin: "Neurosis, narcissism, comedy, overprotection, enabling — what else? — controlling. Everything you want in a mother."

those little programs "Parks and Recreation" and "Broad City"). it's worth skipping a night out for.

Created by comedian Julie Klausner, the show follows the lives of the fictional Julie and pal Billy (Billy Eichner), two sarcastic and slightly bitter 30-somethings with a love for comedy. Their humor — and, by their own judgment, immense talents — were never fully recognized, for which they blame all of New York City.

Julie works as a TV recap writer, while

Billy waits tables at a diner owned by their friends Denise (Gabourey Sidibe) and Nate (Derrick Baskin).

"What excites me now, and what I think made this current climate comfortable for this project, is that people really want authenticity," says Klausner. "There's a certain auteurism about that that's exciting."

Billy Eichner agrees, explaining that viewers want to relate to who they watch. "In early reactions to the show, people felt like they were living vicariously through these characters," he says. "These are very blunt, honest characters who say how they

feel. Sometimes they're mean and sometimes they're outrageous and in your face."

For the series' other stars, it was the chance to work with Klausner and Eichner, on top of a stellar story line, that drew them to "Difficult People."

Cole Escola plays Matthew, a younger co-worker of Billy's who has everything Billy doesn't, from clothes to career opportunities. Escola actually met Klausner as a fan years earlier, after a performance. "Everyone involved is like a hero of mine," he says. "I've been listening to [Julie's] podcast for a long time."

Viewers can also expect a rotating door of guest stars throughout the show's eight episodes, from Martin Short to Amy Sedaris to ... Debbie Harry?

"I was excited about all the guest stars, but it wasn't until Debbie Harry came to set that I was completely glued to the floor and speechless," Klausner gushes.

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On TV. Tyra Banks and Kermit open up at TCA

"Honestly, having a show that you are the only person [hosting] is very, very difficult."

So said Tyra Banks, at the ABC panel for her new syndicated daytime talk show "FABLife" at the Television Critics Association press tour in Los Angeles on Tuesday.

Banks was referring to her years on "The Tyra Banks Show" and "America's Next Top Model," describing that time as "her most successful" but

also "most unhappy."

But she doesn't have to worry about that with "FABLife." The former model will be sharing hosting duties with tastemakers such as Chrissy Teigen.

Teigen is officially listed as the food expert, but she also promised she'd be sharing some social media tips. "I know all the little secrets," Teigen said, when asked if she'd be giving any advice on how people can up their Instagram game.

Next up, Kermit and



Miss Piggy appeared as part of a panel promoting the new "Muppets" show.

The show is about the (tragically) fictional late night show, "Up Late

with Miss Piggy." Getting straight to the heart of the matter, Kermit confessed, "It can be tough to work with your ex." Drama.

LISA WEIDENFELD

3 Reasons to see 'Hamilton' on Broadway

Musical. Check out the play that even President Obama couldn't miss.

No one can predict the future, but there's a lot we can learn by rapping about the past. So it goes with "Hamilton," a new musical about the life and legacy of founding father Alexander Hamilton opening at the Richard Rodgers Theatre on Aug. 6 after a sold-out off-Broadway run at the Public Theatre.

This play challenges us to think about what's changed in politics in the past 200 years (and what hasn't). Putting the unpredictable presidential election into historical context is just one reason to catch this buzzy show on Broadway.

Here are a few more:

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Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote and stars in "Hamilton," now on Broadway. / JOAN MARCUS

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3 So who's the rebel making waves on Broadway? Lin-Manuel Miranda, who wrote and starred in "Heights," is doing the same with "Hamilton." After taking on the titular role at the Public Theater in 2014, he continues to awe audiences (including President Obama) eight times a week. This isn't just a rising star — Miranda is a proven young talent you should experience for yourself.

These are the very same reasons that "Hamilton" is currently sold out. The good news is that a new block of tickets will go on sale Friday, while American Express cardholders can already buy seats through Ticketmaster.com. Otherwise, unless you're part of Obama's inner circle, there's always the box office lottery.



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tant stage. After hip-hop musical "In the Heights" changed people's idea of what a show tune could be, the Great White Way tried once again to get hip with "Holler if Ya Hear Me," a jukebox musical featuring

the discography of Tupac Shakur. It closed after just six weeks. "Hamilton" finally gets the recipe right with a winning combination of today's sounds and tomorrow's ideas: Stephen Sondheim meets "The

West Wing."

2 Not only is "Hamilton" groundbreaking stylistically, but the show goes one step further with a cast almost entirely composed of people of color

(with the exception of Jonathan Groff as King George). That's not just color-blind casting; it's throwing down the gauntlet for every other stage and screen production to rethink who's best suited for a role.



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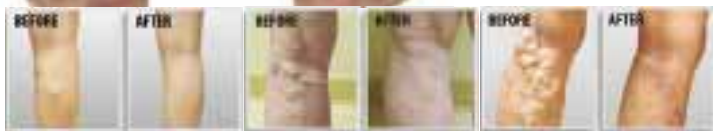


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'Shaun the Sheep Movie' doesn't need dialogue to charm



Shaun, the sheep from "Shaun the Sheep Movie," the latest from stop-motion company Aardman, is pretty adorbs. / LIONSGATE

Review

'Shaun the Sheep Movie'

Directors: Richard Starzak,
Mark Burton

Voices of: Justin Fletcher,
John Sparkes

Rating: PG

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In the U.K. the stop-motion outfit Aardman are gods; some Britishers spend Christmas Day watching their Wallace and Gromit shorts (along with the "Star Wars" movies). They've never quite conquered America, but it's probably inevitable. Their shtick is stubbornly English, built upon a foundation of deadpan, absurdist humor and a loving portrayal of national foibles, plus bad teeth and cheese.

"Shaun the Sheep Movie" is even more of a hard sell. It's the rare animated feature with no dialogue whatsoever (and therefore no billable stars). Built off of Aardman's long-running

TV show, it follows the denizens of a farm, chiefly the cute titular sheep, a bumbling farmer (who speaks in grunts and mouth-noises), his overly loyal sheepdog and others. Here, they wind up, by accident, in the big, bad city, where the critters battle a nefarious animal catcher while the farmer, after suffering light head trauma, loses his memory and is reborn as a trendy hairdresser. There's also some business where the sheep try to pose, sometimes with disarming success, as people.

There are, honestly, not enough gags, but it's less about the quantity of jokes, though, than the quality — or rather,

the way they're all so gosh-darned pleasant. "Shaun the Sheep Movie" coasts on a steady wave of silliness, including the visual and sometimes text-based puns that have become Aardman's stock in trade. Rarely do things get as inspired as in the "Wallace & Gromit" shorts, and there's even nothing on the order of their underrated "Flushed Away." The vibe is one of modesty and relaxation, as though it will settle for a smile permanently plastered on your face rather than sporadic guffaws.



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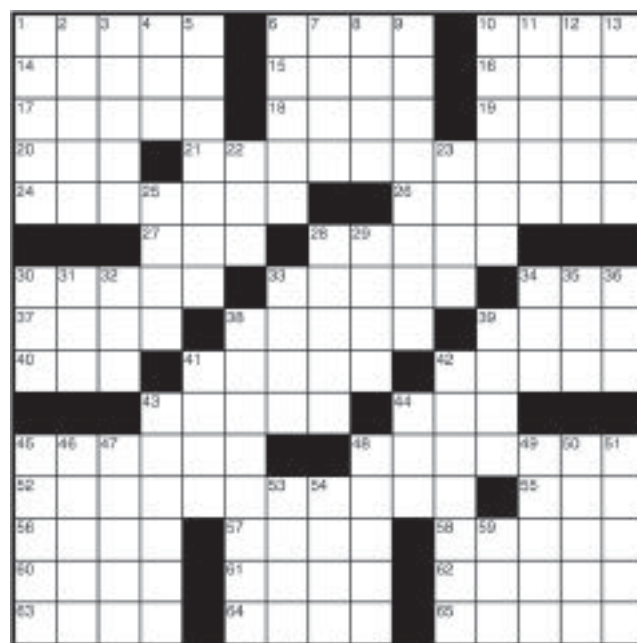
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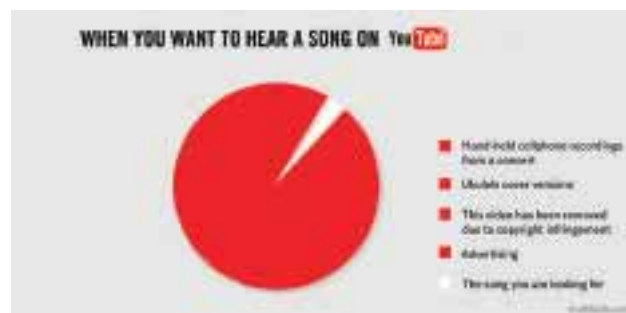
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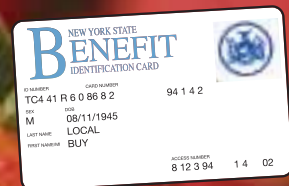
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If you've logged on to Etsy this week, you might have noticed the shopping site looks a little different. And in this case, change is definitely a good thing. We chatted with Jaime DeLanghe, Etsy's senior product manager for search, to get the lowdown on all the new features.

Searches are filtered into easy-to-sort categories. "The thing we know about people who use Etsy is that they love to search," DeLanghe says. "A lot of the time, they aren't even looking

for something specific; they want to search for something [broad] like jewelry."

Before, browsing on Etsy would bring up millions of items making it very overwhelming. Now, when you search for something, it is filtered into categories. For example, when you search for "home and living," the search is broken down into lighting, furniture, utensils and wall decor, to name some of the categories.

There are new categories that didn't exist before. "We used to have a whole lot of items on the site that we didn't have categories for at all," DeLanghe says. It's hard to believe but until this week, Etsy didn't have a "phone case" category. "With our new system, we can update it much, much more frequently," she says. For example,

It's easier to shop by trend

The new filtered search works for trends, too. DeLanghe uses the example of searching for "boho." Before, anything a seller tagged as "boho" would show up in a series of seemingly endless pages. Now, the boho search is filtered into different categories such as clothing, bath and beauty, purses, accessories and jewelry. "It breaks it into more reasonable chunks for people to see an overview of the marketplace," DeLanghe says.

earclimbers — a type of earring — has become really popular, and Etsy was able to add the tag as soon as they

saw the trend taking off.

It's easier to use on mobile. DeLanghe says more than half of their traffic comes from mobile users, so updating their mobile version was a big priority. The app will relaunch in the coming weeks, carrying out the same search updates that are on the site, plus a more visual way of sorting.

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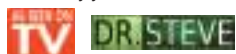
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\$235K
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The least expensive property to come onto the market this week is a one-bedroom HDFC-restricted co-op in Central Harlem, marketed by Citi Habitats. The home features hardwood flooring, w/d hookup, and an eat-in kitchen.



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Grocery mogul bought Trump's Park Avenue pad



A glimpse into \$21M. REAL DEAL

Ray Berry, founder of the Fresh Market, paid \$21M for the 6,200-square-foot penthouse.

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Ray Berry, founder of gourmet supermarket chain the Fresh Market, is the buyer of Donald Trump's \$21 million Park Avenue penthouse at 502

Park Ave., according to property records filed with the city Tuesday.

Trump never occupied the five-bedroom, seven-and-a-half-bathroom apartment. The condo, which comes with a private elevator, was originally listed for \$35 million in 2013, with that price later slashed to just under \$25 million.

The GOP presidential hopeful previously rejected an offer to rent out the unit for more than \$80,000 a month, according to listing broker Michelle Griffith of Trump International Realty. REY MASHAYEKHI

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NFL. Jets QB Ryan Fitzpatrick owns the best beard in the NFL.

In NFL circles, beards are not terribly uncommon and even the grizzly, mountain man type of beard is somewhat regular. But the type of chin curtain that can make you an in-law on "Duck Dynasty" are very rare outside of linemen, who seem to gravitate toward that particular type of thick and bushy beard.

There is Brett Keisel of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who has a legendary beard, as well as the New York Jets' Nick Mangold, whose motto might as well be "Every month is no shave November." But to see a quarterback with that type of rug? It just doesn't happen. Outside of new Jets QB Ryan Fitzpatrick.

It is "Fitzy" who may have the best beard on the Jets, combining sheer volume with style and a clear acumen. While Mangold has the long, unkempt thing going, working well, Fitzpatrick clearly maintains his facial locks a bit more. It is like a maze of wheat, blowing on the Midwestern plains.

That his beard is beginning to teeter on having its own zip code



Ryan Fitzpatrick is known for having one of the top beards in the NFL. / GETTY IMAGES

is shocking to see for a quarterback. After all, the position is usually for the pretty-boy type and not a lumberjack. And that Fitzpatrick is a Harvard man and not from some hillbilly college makes his crumbduster even more unique.

"There's not a whole lot that went into it, literally. I think it started some years ago with some laziness. I realized that it was thick and masculine,"

Fitzpatrick told Metro. "So I decided that was the look I was going to go with. I decided to keep it. Because it is thick. And masculine."

Through the first handful of days of training camp, Fitzpatrick has shown that he can compete for the starting job with the Jets, even as Geno Smith continues to shine in shorts.

"I think we have enough talent to make

a headache for Chan [Gailey]," Fitzpatrick said about the team's talent on offense. "How is he going to get the ball around?"

Fitzpatrick doesn't talk about the quarterback competition in terms of starter and backup roles or trying to win a job. His job, as he defines it, is to be ready so that if and when he should play, he can do so without skipping a beat.

That he doesn't want

to talk much about quarterback competitions is fine, of course. There is, after all, more beard talk to be had.

"At three days, it is a little bit pokey for the wife. Once it gets longer it gets a little bit softer, he said. "Once she starts chewing the mustache hair, she's on board with it."

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Knicks to sign Seraphin

The Knicks agreed to a one-year, \$2.8 million deal with free agent center Kevin Seraphin on Tuesday. Seraphin averaged 6.6 points and 3.6 rebounds per game last season with the Wizards. The 6-foot-10 big man is expected to back up Robin Lopez at center.

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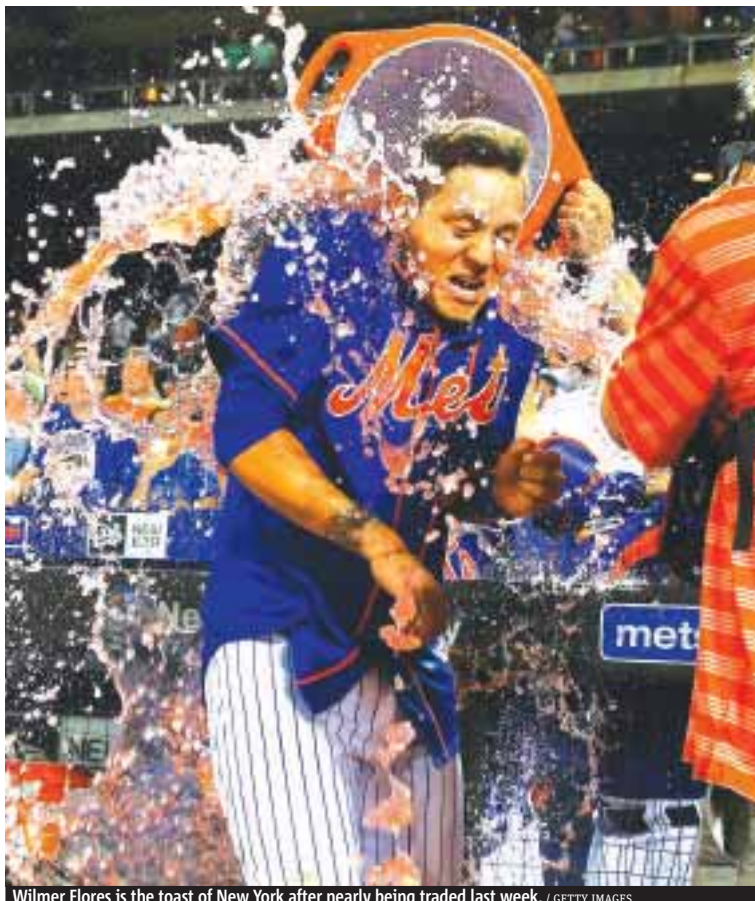
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Wilmer Flores is the toast of New York after nearly being traded last week. / GETTY IMAGES

3 reasons why the Mets are playoff-bound

MLB. The Mets are surging at just the right time of the season.

If you had missed the first four months of the 2015 MLB season and no one told you a thing about where certain teams were in the standings, you still would have little trouble figuring out which teams were charging toward a playoff spot and which teams were floundering, just by watching 10 minutes of the closed-captioned version of SportsCenter this past Monday morning.

Citi Field was filled to the brim in the Mets' 5-2 win over division rival Washington on Sunday night, and the visual alone gave you a peak into the type of season the Mets are enjoying. The home runs by Curtis Granderson, Daniel Murphy and Lucas Duda — all within a span of five pitches — made the relatively new ballpark in Queens look a hell of a lot like the old one. A sea of orange and blue, and raised and pumping fists took the place of empty seats this past weekend and there was little doubt remaining as to whether or not the Mets were back.

"I think we can definitely feed off the energy," Mets infielder Daniel Murphy said of the Citi Field crowd last Sunday. "In this stadium, that was unique. [We] haven't really experienced what has taken place here the last two nights, which is a lot of fun."

Rent a title

There's no shame in "renting a player" to make a World Series push, mostly

The slate

A look at what's on tap for the Mets this week.

- **Matt Harvey** will get the ball for the Mets Wednesday in Miami.
- The Mets will be at Tampa Bay this weekend, with **Jacob deGrom** getting the start on Friday. **Noah Syndergaard** is slated to start for New York Saturday night.

because it works. Carlos Beltran pushed the Astros to the NLCS in 2004, C.C. Sabathia got the long-suffering Brewers to the playoffs in 2008, Cliff Lee helped the Rangers to their first World Series appearance in franchise history in 2010 and Marco Scutaro helped the Giants to a title in 2012 (Scutaro would re-sign with the Giants later that off-season).

Yoenis Cespedes, who the Mets landed in exchange for two minor league pitchers at last week's trade deadline, could very well be the player who lifts the Mets into Octo-

ber. Cespedes flashed some of his unbridled power in New York's 12-1 thumping of the Marlins on Monday, tying a Mets single-game record with three doubles — two of which smacked Miami's outfield fence.

Storybook finish

In baseball, when you've "got it," you've "got it" and indefinable mojo is one of the characteristics that any MLB champion needs to have. One could easily make the case that these 2015 Mets are a more talented bunch than the 2013 Red Sox, a team which went from worst to first then back to worst. But the 2013 Boston team is Example A of what good karma can do for a baseball team.

The Mets have already overcome a great deal of adversity this season. They've seen two major drug suspensions for Jerry Mejia and have seen injuries to Steven Matz, Travis d'Arnaud, Jerry Blevins, Zack Wheeler, Josh Edgin, Vic Black, David Wright, Rafael Montero, Murphy and Michael Cuddyer.

This is a team that was also no-hit by a relative unknown back in early June.

It's clear that the Mets have "it" right now. Whether or not "it" is sustainable remains to be seen.

Soft schedule

According to ESPN, just 12 of the Mets' remaining 55 games are against teams whose records are currently .500 or better. The stretch includes six games with the Nationals, including their final three regular season games of 2015, which will be played at Citi Field.

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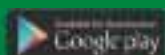
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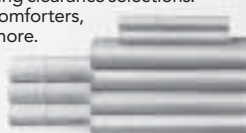
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